

submit, fellow delegates, that the budget process has worked best in this State when the legislature could indeed, on an informal basis, consult with the executive department, and it has often happened, it has been true. I think two things of enormous importance will be done by this amendment.

First, we will institutionalize in the constitution just that sort of shared responsibility. That means that in those circumstances in which there is less friendliness in the executive department to legislative points of view, sometimes for political and sometimes for personal reasons, we shall have a constitutionally fixed arrangement for that cross consideration. In the second place, unfortunately it seems to me perfectly clear that the legislature would indeed need to staff itself more adequately, as it is already seeking to do in this year 1967. There is a further propulsion to employment of a staff which will enable the legislature to know more and more whether what it is voting for carries out a full program which the people have expected the legislature to adopt.

I do not regard this as either an unusual or a radical proposal. It is one which ultimately gives to the governor the whip hand by the veto of increases or reductions which would have to be overridden by an extraordinary majority, but it does require the governor to work with the legislative body in earnest cross consideration of the whole proposition.

THE CHAIRMAN: Does any other delegate desire to speak in opposition to the amendment?

Are we ready for the question?

The question arises first on the adoption of Amendment 2A to Amendment No. 2, to insert in lines 16 and 17 the words "total budgeted expenditure," in lieu of the words "estimate of revenue".

After this amendment is voted on, then Amendment No. 2 will be submitted to you for vote, either in its original form or as amended. There will, therefore, be two votes; the first vote solely on the amendment to the amendment.

Ring the quorum bell, please, Mr. Clerk.

A vote Aye is a vote in favor of the amendment to the amendment. A vote No is a vote against the amendment to the amendment.

Thereafter we will vote on the amendment.

Cast your vote on the amendment to the amendment.

Has every delegate voted? Does any delegate desire to change his vote?

*(There was no response.)*

The Clerk will record the vote.

There being 91 votes in the affirmative and 28 in the negative, the motion is carried; the amendment to the amendment is adopted.

The question now arises on the adoption of the amendment as amended. A vote Aye is a vote in favor of the amendment as amended. A vote No is a vote against the amendment and in favor of the Committee Recommendation SF-5.

Cast your votes.

Has every delegate voted? Does any delegate desire to change his vote?

*(There was no response.)*

The Clerk will record the vote.

There being 41 votes in the affirmative and 78 in the negative, the motion is lost, and the amendment as amended is rejected.

Are there any further amendments to section 6.07?

Delegate Bamberger.

DELEGATE BAMBERGER: Mr. Chairman, I call for amendment G.

THE CHAIRMAN: The pages will distribute amendment G. This will be Amendment No. 3.

The Clerk will read the amendment.

READING CLERK: Amendment No. 3 to Committee Recommendation SF-5, by Delegate Bamberger:

On page 3, section 6.07, Amendment of Budget Bill in line 19 after the word "officer" add the words: "provided for in the state budget".

THE CHAIRMAN: Before starting the debate on this amendment, the Chair recognizes Delegate Darby on a matter of personal privilege.

DELEGATE DARBY: I would like to ask the Convention to welcome friends of mine in the rear balcony, Mrs. Lucille Kellner, my aunt; Mrs. Lillian Maydwell; and a special friend, my mother, Mrs. Cecelia Darby.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delighted to have you here.